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FISH AND WILDLIFE AID TO STATES REACHES \$107 MILLION

Secretary of the Interior James Watt today announced that \$107 million in Federal aid funds have been apportioned to the 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Mariana Islands for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs. Funds became available on October 1, 1981.

This apportionment, obtained from excise tax collections in fiscal year 1981, is the first of two installments distributed this year to be used by the States to finance their fish and wildlife restoration programs. The second installment will be distributed after the tally of fiscal year 1981 tax receipts is completed by the Treasury Department. Last year, more than \$114 million in Federal funds were distributed to the States.

Of the total funds available, \$74.5 million are for wildlife restoration, \$21 million for fish restoration, and \$11.5 million for hunter safety programs.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the land area of each State. These funds may be used on approved State wildlife projects such as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

Distribution of hunter safety funds is based on the relative population of each State. Funds may be used for State hunter education programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. The States, however, may also use these funds for wildlife restoration projects.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of the funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the land area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. Activities performed by the States include the purchase of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in management of sport fisheries.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds by State.

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1982

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,245,060	\$ 277,159	\$ 1,522,219
Alaska	3,725,000	115,000	3,840,000
Arizona	1,763,947	193,643	1,957,590
Arkansas	1,371,685	159,276	1,530,961
California	3,023,747	345,000	3,368,747
Colorado	1,894,877	205,824	2,100,701
Connecticut	372,500	221,409	593,909
Delaware	372,500	115,000	487,500
Florida	1,232,255	345,000	1,577,255
Georgia	1,516,075	345,000	1,861,075
Hawaii	372,500	115,000	487,500
Idaho	1,492,109	115,000	1,607,109
Illinois	1,421,360	345,000	1,766,360
Indiana	1,178,739	345,000	1,523,739
Iowa	1,290,095	207,573	1,497,668
Kansas	1,499,320	168,374	1,667,694
Kentucky	1,139,558	260,870	1,400,428
Louisiana	1,395,005	299,525	1,694,530
Maine	904,091	115,000	1,019,091
Maryland	489,301	300,413	789,714
Massachusetts	372,500	345,000	717,500
Michigan	2,739,707	345,000	3,084,707
Minnesota	2,052,463	290,489	2,342,952
Mississippi	1,179,916	179,590	1,359,506
Missouri	1,836,156	345,000	2,181,156
Montana	2,194,257	115,000	2,309,257
Nebraska	1,282,704	115,000	1,397,704
Nevada	1,409,809	115,000	1,524,809
New Hampshire	372,500	115,000	487,500
New Jersey	468,571	345,000	813,571
New Mexico	1,738,225	115,000	1,853,225
New York	2,174,621	345,000	2,519,621
North Carolina	1,375,817	345,000	1,720,817
North Dakota	1,044,534	115,000	1,159,534
Ohio	1,533,391	345,000	1,878,391
Oklahoma	1,467,669	215,544	1,683,213
Oregon	1,985,590	187,572	2,173,162
Pennsylvania	3,270,665	345,000	3,615,665
Rhode Island	372,500	115,000	487,500
South Carolina	842,142	222,237	1,064,379
South Dakota	1,211,056	115,000	1,326,056
Tennessee	1,603,574	327,082	1,930,656
Texas	3,725,000	345,000	4,070,000
Utah	1,614,631	115,000	1,729,631
Vermont	407,937	115,000	522,937
Virginia	1,487,951	345,000	1,832,951
Washington	1,575,325	294,266	1,869,591
West Virginia	959,831	138,908	1,098,739
Wisconsin	2,191,206	335,246	2,526,452
Wyoming	1,565,027	115,000	1,680,027
Guam	124,167	-	124,167
Mariana Islands	124,167	-	124,167
Puerto Rico	372,500	-	372,500
Virgin Islands	124,167	-	124,167
Total	\$74,500,000	\$11,500,000	\$86,000,000

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1982

Alabama	\$ 347,802
Alaska	1,050,000
Arizona	452,341
Arkansas	382,979
California	1,050,000
Colorado	530,737
Connecticut	210,000
Delaware	210,000
Florida	438,739
Georgia	411,586
Hawaii	210,000
Idaho	355,835
Illinois	440,278
Indiana	375,779
Iowa	315,511
Kansas	329,282
Kentucky	343,493
Louisiana	306,264
Maine	210,000
Maryland	210,000
Massachusetts	210,000
Michigan	763,804
Minnesota	790,601
Mississippi	291,699
Missouri	517,450
Montana	479,238
Nebraska	265,096
Nevada	328,404
New Hampshire	210,000
New Jersey	210,000
New Mexico	374,350
New York	493,478
North Carolina	318,275
North Dakota	222,693
Ohio	511,591
Oklahoma	415,080
Oregon	522,229
Pennsylvania	515,399
Rhode Island	210,000
South Carolina	249,337
South Dakota	236,249
Tennessee	383,272
Texas	1,050,000
Utah	396,269
Vermont	210,000
Virginia	303,658
Washington	533,854
West Virginia	210,000
Wisconsin	769,151
Wyoming	338,197
American Samoa	70,000
Guam	70,000
Mariana Islands	70,000
Puerto Rico	210,000
Virgin Islands	70,000
Total	\$21,000,000